

30. A transgenic monocot plant according to claim 29, wherein the monocot plant is rice.

31. A transgenic monocot plant according to claim 28, wherein the DNA molecule is selected from the group consisting of a Δ^1 -pyrroline-5-carboxylate synthetase gene, *P5CS*-129A, *Hva1*, *COR47*, a mannitol 1-P-dehydrogenase gene, a gene for the biosynthesis of polyamines, a gene for the biosynthesis of glycine betaine, trehalose, D-ononitol or fructans, and a gene for regulating the expression of stress-responsive genes.

32. A transgenic monocot plant according to claim 28, wherein the minimal promoter is Act1-100 of rice, a shortened α -amylase promoter of barley or rice, a shortened maize ubiquitin promoter, or a shortened CaMV 35S promoter.

33. A transgenic monocot plant according to claim 28, wherein the at least one ABRC is from a barley *HVA22* gene or a barley *HVA1* gene.

34. A transgenic monocot plant according to claim 28, wherein the expression cassette comprises up to four of the ABRC units operably linked together.

35. A transgenic monocot plant according to claim 28 further comprising:
a DNA sequence encoding a selectable marker.

36. A transgenic monocot plant according to claim 28, wherein the DNA molecule operably linked to at least one ABRC unit and a minimal promoter is salt stress or drought stress inducible.